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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Legislative Counsel
SUBJECT : H.R. 13798, "Central Intelligence Agency Disclosure Act"
REFERENCE : Memo for the Record dtd 9 Apr 74 by
Assistant Legislative Counsel, Same
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1. Your Memorandum for the Record dated 9 April 1974 concerning H.R. 13798, "Central Intelligence Agency Disclosure Act", has been reviewed. Our comments are confined to that part of the bill affecting contracts; namely, Section 4(a) of the Act of August 28, 1958, "An Act to authorize the making, amendment, and modification of contracts to facilitate the national defense."

2. The proposed amendment to the Act of 1958 would enlarge the circulation of information on Agency contracts and contractors which is now restricted under Executive Order 11652 regarding the Government's management and protection of national security information.

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3. A contract is classified because technical and operations officers have reviewed the applicability of the items or services to be procured to the standards for determining national security information. To identify the information on Agency contracts as would be required under the bill may expose the activities the Director is authorized by law to protect.

4. Although it is not proposed to publish this information as a matter of public record, inadvertent public exposure of contractors who deal with the Agency on classified projects might

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lead to retaliation by foreign countries against company interests and company markets. Ultimately, the Agency might have difficulty obtaining contractors who would bid on projects for the Agency out of fear of public exposure.

5. The wider the circulation of such classified information, especially when it concerns a compilation or a comprehensive summary of research, products, and companies engaged in work involving national security, will increase the possibilities for inadvertent damaging disclosures of national security information.

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